

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JOSLYN MARIE HALL, Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MARY MAULT,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

December 20, 2007

No. 278173

Macomb Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 2005-059514-NA

Before: Murray, P.J., and Hoekstra and Wilder, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were proven by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). The child came into care in part because respondent, who had a substance abuse problem, was unable or unwilling to provide a home for the child, instead leaving her with relatives. After 18 months of temporary wardship, respondent had completed certain parts of her service plan. But she had yet to establish stable housing, the home she had recently acquired was unsafe and unsanitary, and, due to respondent's recent persistent failure to provide drug screens as ordered, there was no assurance that substance abuse was no longer a problem.

Further, the trial court's finding regarding the child's best interests is not clearly erroneous. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Because the evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the child's best interests, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child. *Id.*; MCL 712A.19b(5).

Affirmed.

/s/ Christopher M. Murray

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder